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Group Art Unit: 3726
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Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

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Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 29, 2001, and further to the Amendment-E dated 28 January 2002, applicant encloses herewith the original of a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 by inventor Hisashi KUROTA, corresponding to a facsimile copy declaration filed together with the Amendment-E in support of the patentability of the claimed invention.

REMARKS

Please note that the original declaration filed herewith is slightly different than the facsimile copy filed together with the Amendment-E due to clerical inadvertence. Particularly, the first three pages of the original Declaration filed herewith are different from those of the facsimile copy Declaration filed with the Amendment-E in that:

- a) the title of the original document correctly includes 37 CFR 1.132, rather than 37 CFR 1.312;
- b) under sub-paragraph 7.c) on the third page of the original document, the terms "anti scratch" are hand amended to include a hyphen therebetween, and the margin includes the

inventor's initials and date indicating when he inserted the hyphen; and

c) the last line on the third page of the original document is missing in the facsimile copy.

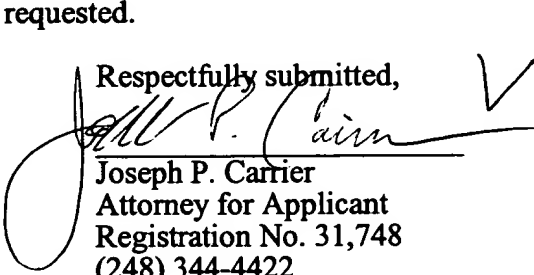
Again, these discrepancies were inadvertently caused by a clerical error without deceptive intent, i.e., it was assumed that the first three pages of the Declaration were unchanged from a previous draft of the Declaration, and the first three pages of the previous draft were substituted for the first three pages of the facsimile copy of the Declaration because they appeared cleaner.

Again, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance for those reasons previously asserted in Amendment-E, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Favorable consideration is again respectfully requested.

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